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SUBJECT: FRG PARLIAMENTARIANS SEEK INVITATION FOR
ENERGY TALKS IN U.S.

1. PETER MAENNING, AN SPD BUNDESTAG DEPUTY ON THE
ECONOMICS COMMITTEE, HAS APPROACHED THE EMBASSY ON
BEHALF OF A SEVEN-MAN INTER-PARTY GROUP WHICH WANTS TO
STUDY ENERGY-RELATED ISSUES IN CANADA AND THE U.S.
DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8-15. MAENNING TELLS US THAT
THE GROUP HAS ALREADY RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM THE
GOC AND WOULD PLAN TO SPEND OCTOBER 8-10 IN CANADA. IT
NEEDS, HOWEVER, A FORMAL INVITATION FROM THE USG IN ORDER
TO OBTAIN BUREAUCRATIC CLEARANCE FOR THE AMERICAN
PORTION OF THIS TRIP. MAENNING SAYS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL
TO HAVE BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST AN INVITATION ON LETTER-
HEAD STATIONERY, ADDRESSED TO PROFESSOR KARL CARSTENS,
PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG. HE EMPHASIZED THAT
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THE BUNDESTAG WILL PAY ALL EXPENSES FOR THIS TRIP.

2. IN ADDITION TO MAENNING, THE GROUP CONSISTS OF:
PETER CONRADI (SPD) MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE FOR URBAN
PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION; PETER REUSCHENBACH (SPD),
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMICS COMMITTEE; FERDI
BREIDBACH (CDU/CSU), MEMBER OF THE ECONOMICS

COMMITTEE; PETER KITTELMANN (CDU/CSU), MEMBER OF THE ECONOMICS COMMITTEE; JUERGEN WOHLRABE (CDU/CSU), MEMBER OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE; AND TORSTEN WOLFGRAMM (FDP), MEMBER OF THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THE GROUP CAN TRAVEL ONLY DURING WEEKS IN WHICH THE BUNDESTAG IS NOT IN SESSION. OCTOBER 8-15 IS THE MOST CONVENIENT TIME THIS FALL.

3. THE GROUP WANTS TO DISCUSS USG ENERGY POLICY, OPERATION OF ATOMIC POWER PLANTS, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE, SITING OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES, ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS. THE DEPUTIES HOPE TO VISIT PROJECT SITES AND TALK WITH EXPERT OFFICIALS OF THE USG, STATES AND COMMUNITIES INVOLVED. MAENNING PARTICULARLY ASKED TO MEET WITH JOSEPH NYE.

4. GIVEN THE NON-PARTISAN NATURE OF THIS GROUP AND THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING CLOSE RELATIONS WITH FRG OFFICIALS IN THE ENERGY FIELD, THE EMBASSY URGES THAT THE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT THIS REQUEST AND FIND AN APPROPRIATE USG BODY TO EXTEND THE INVITATION. IT OCCURS TO US THAT THE EMBASSY COULD EXTEND THIS INVITATION ON BEHALF OF THE USG AGENCIES INVOLVED ONCE WE HAVE SETTLED THE BASIC DETAILS FOR THE TRIP WHICH MAENNING PROPOSES.
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